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QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO COLONIAL AND OTHER DEPENDENT COUNTRIES AND TERRITORIES

Bangladesh, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan*, Malaysia, Oman*, Pakistan, Qatar*, Senegal*, Sudan and Tunisia: draft resolution

Situation of human rights in Kosovo

The Commission on Human Rights,

Guided by the Charter of the United Nations, the principle of a people's right to self-determination, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Conventions on Human Rights;

Recalling its resolutions 1992/S.1/1 of 14 August 1992 and 1993/7 of 23 February 1993, and decision 1992/103 of 13 August 1992 and resolution 1993/3 of 20 August 1993 of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Noting the reports of the Special Rapporteur on the former Yugoslavia on the situation in Kosovo and other alarming information from reliable sources who observed, notably:

(a) Police brutality against ethnic Albanians, arbitrary searches, seizures and arrests, forced evictions, torture and ill-treatment of detainees and discrimination in the administration of justice;

(b) Discriminatory and arbitrary dismissals of ethnic Albanian civil servants, notably from the ranks of the police and the judiciary, mass dismissals of ethnical Albanians, discrimination against Albanian pupils and teachers of primary schools, the closing of the Albanian-language secondary schools and university, as well as the closing of Albanian cultural and scientific institutions;

(c) The imprisonment of ethnic Albanian journalists and the prohibition of news media in the Albanian language;

(d) The dismissals of doctors and other members of the medical profession of Albanian origin from clinics and hospitals;

(e) The prohibition of the use of the Albanian language, particularly in public administration and services;

(f) The practice of silent ethnic cleansing of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo, as well as the application of apartheid-like practices,

1. Strongly condemns the discriminatory measures and practices, as well as the violations of human rights, committed by the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo;

2. Urgently demands that the authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro):

(a) Cease all human rights violations, discriminatory measures and practices against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo, in particular arbitrary detention, summary executions and the practice of torture and other cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment;

(b) To release all political prisoners and to cease all persecution of political leaders and members of local human rights organizations;

(c) To establish the democratic institutions of Kosovo and to respect the will of its people as the best means of preventing the escalation of the conflict there;

(d) To cooperate with the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe to enable the immediate return of its long-term mission to Kosovo;

3. Urges the Security Council to follow up its resolution 855 (1993) of 9 August 1993, and requests the Secretary-General to explore ways and means to re-establish an adequate international presence in Kosovo;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution at the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.